

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before page 1, line 6.

-- This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/509,011, filed July 11, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,699,978, which is a national stage application of international application PCT/EP98/06000, filed September 21, 1998, which in turn claims priority to German Application No. 197 41 738, filed September 22, 1997. All of the above applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference. --